TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K January 17, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 14, 2014

Tompkins Financial Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York1-1270916-1482357(State or other jurisdiction (Commission)(IRS Employer)

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

The Commons, PO Box 460, Ithaca, New York14851(Address of Principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (607) 273-3210

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) *Retirement of Director:*

On January 14, 2014, Reeder D. Gates informed Tompkins Financial Corporation (the "Company") that he intends to retire from the Company's Board of Directors when his current term expires at the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By:

Date: January 17, 2014

/s/ Stephen S. Romaine Stephen S. Romaine President and CEO